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Secretary

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RE: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

In the Matter of Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices, MB

Docket No. 16-42;

Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Docket No 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This ex parte covers a November 10th meeting between Mr. Alec French, representing the Directors Guild of America (DGA), with Mr. Marc Paul in the office of Commissioner Rosenworcel. Mr. French reiterated the DGA's concern that the current FCC proposal will negatively impact the livelihoods of DGA members and their ability to create the best programming in the world. Mr. French noted that while the very short and high level Fact Sheet released by the FCC regarding the most recent version of the proposal does not provide sufficient detail to fully assess its impact on DGA members, it does not appear to address the DGA concerns.

The Fact Sheet purports to address concerns raised about the FCC proposal's impact on copyright holders and their exclusive rights, but neither the Fact Sheet nor any prior documents released by the FCC regarding this matter have addressed DGA concerns about the impact of the various proposals on the direct compensation, residuals, and health and pension benefits DGA members receive as a result of "downstream" licensing by programmers. Mr. French urged that the FCC release the most recent version of the proposal to the public so such an assessment could be made.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathy Garmez

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CC: Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

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